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Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #1b(v) Applicant is advised the ratio score contained in #1b(v) will be autopopulated and made official by the Division at final application submission.
- #2 #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #11b Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must identify the specific, Applicant and/or Land Manager initiated, educational events to support selection. Narrative states 2014 and 2015 events.
- #12a&b Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #13 Applicant must verify response by final submission.

Ground Operations – Ground Operations	G16-02-19-G01
Project Description	

 California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC), Stewards of Stanislaus have also applied for a Ground Operation grant in the Stanislaus National Forest. Applicant needs to identify specific areas where Project activities will be performed to ensure there is no duplication of services.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff "OHV Recreation Specialist...", Applicant must identify the duties being performed.
- Staff "SUP Administrator" and "Recreation manager", Applicant must identify the duties being performed. It appears the positions are duplicative of one another.
- Staff "Prevention Technician" 11. & 12. Applicant must identify the duties being performed. It appears the positions are duplicative of one another. Position #11, costs have significantly increased in comparison to last year's Ground Operations Project. Applicant must explain the increase.
- Materials/Supplies "Signs" 1., 2., 3., & 8. Items appear duplicative. Applicant
 must provide more details on the type(s) of signs and for how they will be used in
 the Project.
- Equipment Purchase "4x4 Jeep with 4WD accessories", Cost seems excessive. Applicant most provide more information for how the value was derived.

Evaluation Criteria

- #4 Narrative does not support the selection. Conference calls, emails, and
 personal contacts are not eligible as meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders.
 Also, narrative does not demonstrate how the stakeholders are stakeholders to
 this project.
- #6 Project Description does not support "Providing an alternative to wet crossings..." or "Protecting special-status species".
- #7 Project Description only supports the "Paper used for trail maps..." and "Other products with recycled content..." selections are made with recycled materials.